

TO ADVERTISERS.

THE DEMOCRAT-STAR is the oldest newspaper of the Mississippi Gulf Coast; has a larger bona-fide circulation than any other newspaper in this section; therefore it is The Best Advertising Medium.

Advertisers, Bear this in Mind.

THIS PAPER IS ALL HOME PRINT.

Scranton, Mississippi:
FRIDAY JANUARY 18, 1901.

Cumberland Telephone, Democrat-Star Office, No. 22.

Washington Hand Press For Sale.

An 8-column Washington Hand Press in good order is offered for sale at a bargain. Apply to the DEMOCRAT-STAR Office, Scranton, Miss.

The army canteen is to be abolished.

Oxford's new Masonic Temple will cost \$17,000.

Don't forget to pay poll tax before the first of February.

President McKinley has just recovered from an attack of the grip.

Mobile will have a grand celebration on Mardi Gras, 19th of February.

The stamp tax will hardly be reduced at this session of Congress.

There are 1,951 postoffices in Mississippi, the State ranking sixteenth.

The backbone of winter is not broken yet. Look out for February.

The United States suggests that all the powers withdraw troops from China.

The Columbus Dispatch is now 21 years old. May it live to the end of the century.

Judge N. C. Hill has been elected city attorney of Hattiesburg at a salary of \$450 a year payable monthly.

Judge H. C. Niles has appointed ex-Chancellor W. T. Houston, of Meridian, referee in bankruptcy for that district.

The carnival display at Natchez for the coming Mardi Gras, Feb. 19th, promises to be on a grander scale than ever before.

Probably the laying of the corner stone of this State's new capital building will be fixed for a fourth of July celebration.

The irrepressible Boers are still making inroads on the British forces. The outlook for England is not improving any.

The DEMOCRAT-STAR is the only "all home print" paper on the Gulf Coast, and is the oldest and most widely circulated.

The Burleigh reapportionment bill passed the Senate without debate. Under this bill Mississippi gets another Congressman.

It is thought that Congressman John Sharp Williams will be in the race for United States Senator against Col. H. D. Money in 1903.

The Commoner, Bryan's paper will be issued about the 20th of this month. Subscriptions are pouring in from every State in the Union.

Attorney General McClurg holds that the separate school districts in this State are entitled to a share in the regular distribution of the school fund.

Oil was "struck" near Beaumont, Texas, and great excitement prevails in the community. The flow is estimated at 5,000 gallons in twenty-four hours.

There will be some heavy wirepulling among the State politicians when the Legislature meets next year to reorganize the Congressional districts of the State.

One of the attractions offered the Northern tourists who visit the Mississippi Sound Coast is a trip to Ship, Horn and Cat Islands by boat. These outings are highly enjoyable.

As an evidence of prosperity the daily evening Vicksburg Post has put on a new dress. The Post is one of our favorite exchanges, which is always filled with the news of the day.

Mr. Walter N. Hurt, formerly of the Winona Times, has purchased the Carrollton Conservative. We welcome the brother back to the tripod, and wish him abundant success in his new purchase.

The Association of the Army of Tennessee adopted a resolution stating that only Confederate veterans should be welcomed at the reunion this year in Memphis.

Old lady Leaso has withdrawn her divorce suit pending against her husband. She has returned to the old man's bosom, and in future she has promised to behave herself and let her husband wear the pants.

The Nebraska State Senate has passed a resolution of sympathy for the Boers and recommended to President McKinley that he extend the good offices of this government to bringing about peace.

PORT OF PASAGOUA AND NICARAGUAN CANAL.

The Pascagoula DEMOCRAT-STAR in a late issue calls attention to the efforts being made by Congressman McLain to secure appropriations from the government sufficient to improve the Port of Pascagoula and establish a 25-foot channel through Horn Island pass. If the Nicaraguan canal is dug there will be necessity on our Gulf coast for two harbors of sufficient size and depth to accommodate the immense shipping interests that will be established, and we are pleased to see that the Congressman from the southern district is looking in advance to this end. Gulfport and Scranton should some day rival Mobile in point of shipping. Gulfport having direct outlet to Chicago and the west over the Louisville and Nashville and Illinois Central roads, while Scranton being at the mouth of the Pascagoula river, will surely rank important in timber interests. The entire State delegation should give Congressman McLain hearty support in his work.

The substantial appropriations already secured by the diligent and faithful Congressman of the sixth district, together with a steadily growing commerce, insures to the Port of Pascagoula a permanent place on the list of important harbors of the country, entitled to consideration at the hands of the National Government. Enjoying the distinction of being the only port on the Mississippi Coast, which manufactures its own product for foreign export, and the only port with an inland harbor large enough to accommodate any considerable number of vessels, the Port of Pascagoula, will, of necessity, upon the completion of the Nicaraguan canal, as she does now (only in a greater degree), take front rank among the Ports of the Gulf.

There has never been any doubt but that at the proper time, a railroad from the interior, connecting with some of the great trunk lines would find a terminus at the Port of Pascagoula. The digging of the great canal adds nothing to the certainty of this, but only accelerates its coming. We agree with you, brother Dement, every one of Mississippi's Representatives in Congress should give Mr. McLain their most energetic and enthusiastic support in building up her sea ports, thus equipping our great State for great effort she should and must make to secure her share of the rich fruits resulting from the Nicaraguan canal.

Only two States in the union had more railroad than Mississippi in 1900, Texas and Wyoming.

A review of the gold production of the world for 1900 shows that the United States lead all other nations. Music is to be a prominent feature of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York.

Get your living out of the soil; get your living out of the sea, is what we down here guarantee.

Capt. J. S. Brown, of Pittsburg, and a federal veteran of the civil war, has contributed \$500 toward the expenses of the Confederate Veteran's Reunion at Memphis in May.

Hancock county has entered into a contract with an Ohio firm for the erection of a new steel jail to cost \$17,500. It will be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

Frank James is running for doorkeeper of the Missouri Legislature. He has usually been running from instead of after the lawmakers.

The Chinese government has agreed to the demands of the allied powers, signed the same, and guarantees to enforce the demands made.

A special from Jackson says: The Railroad Commission has passed an order supervising charges for telephone messages and rent of telephones. The maximum rates in the country is fixed at 25 cents; in the State, \$1. The maximum charges for residence telephones, \$2; minimum \$1; business telephones, \$4 per month. The order was hotly contested by the Cumberland Company.

Col. W. J. Bryan made a speech at the annual banquet at the Bryan League of Chicago, in which he said that those who wanted to reorganize the Democratic party should first get into that party. Their own sentiments.

An education which will give to every member of the community the best opportunities for developing the whole of his faculties, is the end which civilization, or a society in a state of continued progress must always have in view.

Pecans ever since the experiments of the late Col. W. R. Stuart, of Ocean Springs, who was very successful in proving that a great perfection could be attained in their culture, have become a recognized product of this coast. As high as one dollar a pound is paid for seed pecans raised here. Recently the Agricultural Department at Washington ordered forty pounds of that figure, and orders are yearly received for the highest grades for planting purposes.

Attention is directed to the Statement of the Scranton State Bank which appears elsewhere in this issue of the DEMOCRAT-STAR. The excellent showing it makes is an evidence of the stability of this reliable financial institution. The management are to be congratulated upon the healthy condition of its affairs. Its branches at Moss Point and Ocean Springs have proved to be great conveniences to the public. The bank is under the management of Mr. H. S. Rouke, cashier, the Moss Point branch is under Mr. J. W. Stewart and the Ocean Springs Mr. E. J. Leary.

DEATH OF MAJ. NAT. O. BURBANK.

On the morning of the 10th inst., Maj. Nathaniel O. Burbank, managing editor of the New Orleans Picayune, died suddenly of acute heart disease while seated in a street car on his way from his home to the office of the Picayune. His death occasioned sorrow to his many warm friends and a general feeling of regret throughout the Crescent City and over the entire country, where he was favorably known for his personal magnetism of goodness and unselfishness was keenly felt. The Major, as a newspaper man, had achieved a reputation which ranked him among the foremost in the profession; his wit, his poetic capacity and his theatrical knowledge as a critic and his otherwise literary genius won for him a widespread celebrity.

Nathaniel Burbank was a native of South Portland, Maine, born on April 14, 1838, and was educated in the common schools of York county. He began the struggle of business life as a printer, and was so engaged when the war between the States occurred. He enlisted as a private in a company of the Massachusetts volunteers and participated in many of the fiercest battles in Virginia. He was advanced for meritorious conduct until he reached the rank of the commissioned officer on Gen. Butler's staff and as such he came to New Orleans. When the trouble was all over Major Burbank remained there and became associated with the press, holding always a post of importance on the editorial staff of one or the other of the city's journals. He became associated with the Picayune in 1878, from which time he continued to serve as managing editor.

For affability, generosity and a conservative disposition, Major Burbank was a great favorite among men and his death is sincerely deplored.

Regulating Telephone Charges.

The Mississippi Railroad Commission has assumed jurisdiction of the telephone companies now operating in the State, and after thorough consideration of the methods of business now in vogue and the abuses that prevail, has taken steps to regulate and make uniform the entire system of charges. The maximum rate for long distance service between points within the State has been lowered from \$1.50 to \$1, and no charge shall be made in excess of 25 cents within a county. The following is the ordinance passed by the commission:

"It is ordered by the Mississippi Railroad Commission that the charges now in use by the telephone companies, both for long distance and local business, are approved, except the maximum charges between points located in the same county shall never exceed 25 cents for any service of three minutes or less time. The maximum charge for business within the State of Mississippi, outside of the same county, shall not exceed \$1 for any service of three minutes or less time. "The maximum charge for local residence phones shall not exceed \$2, nor be less than \$1 per month. "It is also ordered that if any telephone company put in above minimum rates at any place in this State, it shall make the same rate at every other place, similar in population and conditions, and to every other place of smaller population."

A Washington special says that Miss Leton the woman who brought suit against Senator Sullivan for breach of promise, has declared her intention to become a nun. But before renouncing the world, she will prosecute her case against Senator Sullivan and will publish in book form a complete history of her relations with him, giving his letters to her, and will distribute them over the State.

The directors of the colored cotton factory have been called to meet in Jackson, on the 7th of February, at which time they will consider making a start on the plant. The factory is to be located in the western suburbs of the city on the site of the old Mary Holmes school for colored girls.

J. C. Gibson, the Indiana builder, who attempted some time ago to bribe Gov. Longino in connection with the letting of the contract for a new Capitol building has been indicted by the grand jury of Hinds county. Gibson is in Jackson under a \$5,000 bond.

The fecundity of the soil of this section for the production of vegetables, particularly turnips, is somewhat marvelous. All the cereals flourish here and stock raising can be pursued depending upon the materials yielded for food from the soil.

For many centuries before its introduction into Europe the use of cotton as a fabric for woven goods was known in India and China. Before the Christian era cotton cloths were worn by the Romans.

A rate of one first-class fare for the round trip has been granted by the Southern Passenger Association in favor of visitors to the Mardi Gras celebrations in Mobile and New Orleans, from February 12 to 18, inclusive.

The crusade launched by President Hardy of the Agricultural and Mechanical College against the cigarette is being watched with interest by the entire State. If the movement should triumph and the pesky cigarette be banished from this college of four hundred boys, it is agreed that President Hardy's services as a reformer should command a wider field of commercial appeal.

The Presbyterians of Grenada will build a new \$10,000 church this year. "Quay is elected Senator." The movable type of the printer is a great help.

Hon. G. Etheredge, of Town Creek, Ala., has invented a century calendar, the only one on record. It dates from 1900 to 2000, and is the work of genius. Mr. Etheredge having worked on it for years. The calendar has been copyrighted, tested and is correct. Business men in New York, Chicago and St. Louis have purchased the patent right of the new and novel invention.

Fred Alexander, a negro, for attempted assault and for murder was burned at the stake at Leavenworth, Kansas. Eight thousand people witnessed the lynching.

Great Britain has decided to send more troops to South Africa.

New Advertisements.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Scranton State Bank

OF SCRANTON, MISSISSIPPI

On December 31, 1900.

Published by direction of the Annotated Code of 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts on personal endorsements, real estate or collateral securities, \$231,728.84
Undivided Profits and Overdrafts Unsecured, 4,825.79
Banking House, 8,443.33
Furniture and Fixtures, 2,615.24
Expenses, 3,165.71
Savings Deposits, 1,610.15
Sight Exchange, 11,050.61
Cash on hand, 4,900.71
Due from other banks, 2,564.50
Documentary Stamps, 275.11

\$270,947.94

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid in, \$50,000.00
Surplus, 10,000.00
Undivided Profits, 4,119.08
Individual Deposits subject to check, 105,256.59
Time Certificates of Deposit, 540.51
Redeemable, 67,220.00
Savings Deposits, 25,295.11
Discount, Interest and Exchange, 8,451.68
Dividends Unpaid, 125.00

\$270,947.94

J. H. S. Rouke, Cashier of Scranton State Bank, of Scranton, Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and exact statement of the Assets and Liabilities of said Bank on the day and date named therein, as shown by the books of same.

H. S. ROUKE, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a notary public, in and for the county of Jackson, Mississippi, this 7th day of January, 1901.

CHAS. E. CHIDSEY, Notary Public.

Examined and found correct.

W. G. COLE, Auditor.

This 8th day of January, 1901.

January 18, 1901.

Attention, Tax-Payers of the

Town of Scranton.

There remains but about ten days in which to pay municipal taxes for the year 1900. Pay up and avoid being advertised.

F. L. LINDINGER, Marshal and Tax-Collector.

January 18, 1901.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., January 3, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on March 14, 1901, viz: John B. Bang, homestead entry No. 34,878, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John B. Bang, Jeff Waltman, Alex. Brown, Bruner Ireland, all of Dalsey, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

January 11, 1901.

LAND NOTICE.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on March 14, 1901, viz: Bruner Ireland, homestead entry No. 34,888, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jeff Waltman, John B. Bang, Henry Rogers, Alex. Brown, all of Dalsey, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

January 11, 1901.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commuted final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on March 14, 1901, viz: Alex. Belton, homestead entry No. 34,890, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jeff Waltman, John B. Bang, Henry Rogers, Bruner Ireland, all of Dalsey, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

January 11, 1901.

It is rumored that Senator Sullivan has his weather eye on Senator Money's seat in the United States Senate.—Aberdeen Weekly.

We hardly think "Peruna Bill" will down Senator Money. It would be a disgrace to the manhood of the good old State of Mississippi to place such a man in Money's place.

It is announced that the Confederate Veteran's annex to the State Hospital at Vicksburg will be opened on Jan. 19th with a public reception. The day selected is the birthday of Gen. R. E. Lee, and it is thought that it will be peculiarly appropriate to veterans on that day.

Wyatt J. Draughn, of Hattiesburg, is undoubtedly the oldest member of the Legislature in Mississippi. He represented Perry county in the State Legislature, at its regular session in 1845. He is 88 years old and has lived in Perry county 82 years.

"Mark Twain" says he found sixty-four or more religious sects in South Australia, but that as we were ourselves well enough supplied, he decided not to import any into the United States.

Contract Notice.

Notice is hereby given that propositions for keeping of the County Poor House for a term of one year, will be received at the next meeting of the Board. By order of the Board.

F. H. LEWIS, Clerk.

January 11, 1901.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Mississippi.

To all persons owing or claiming the following described lands situated in Jackson county, Mississippi, to-wit: Sec. of section 21, township 3 south, range 7 west, and 1/4 of section 13, township 5 south, range 7 west. You are commanded to appear before the chancery court of the county of Jackson, in said State, on the

Second Monday of February, A. D. 1901, to defend the suit in said court of J. I. Ford, wherein you are a defendant.

This 5th day of January, A. D. 1901.

F. H. LEWIS, Clerk.

January 11, 1901.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., January 3, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on March 14, 1901, viz: Mary C. King, widow of Nathan N. King, homestead entry No. 25,509, for the 1/4 sec. 34, township 10 south, range 8 west.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Samuel R. Byrd, James Cooper, Thomas R. Oneal, Harrison P. Rouse, all of Vanclave, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

January 11, 1901.

CONTEST NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.

Jackson, Miss., December 28, 1900.

A sufficient contest having been filed in this office by William L. Gibson, contestant against homestead entry No. 35,305, made July 7, 1900, for the 1/4 sec. 21, township 3 south, range 7 west, of Jackson county, in which it is alleged that said Zelig R. Church has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry and next prior to the date herein; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said Church, in violation of law; that said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 23, 1901, before F. H. Lewis, circuit clerk of Jackson county, at his office in Scranton, Miss., and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on March 5, 1901, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office in Jackson, Miss.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit made before the circuit clerk of which was filed that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

JAMES HILL, Register.

E. M. MATTHEWS, Receiver.

January 4, 1901.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., December 26, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on February 8, 1901, viz: Theodore Dossett, homestead entry No. 25,571, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ferdinand Snow, Sidney Dees, Christopher Roberts, Samuel Jones, all of Wilmer, Ala.

JAMES HILL, Register.

December 14, 1900.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., December 10, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on February 8, 1901, viz: Elijah E. Flurry, homestead entry No. 34,578, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Rogers, Thomas Hinton, John Tilley, John Rogers, all of Howell, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

December 14, 1900.

Non-Resident Notice.

State of Mississippi.

To Ernest B. Fountain, the defendant; You are commanded to appear before the chancery court of the county of Jackson, in said State, on the

Second Monday of February, A. D. 1901, to show cause why the final account of Charles H. Wood, trustee of the will of H. Ehlers, deceased, should not be allowed and he discharged as such trustee, as per petition on file in said court, wherein you are one of the defendants.

This, the 10th day of December, 1900.

F. H. LEWIS, Clerk.

December 14, 1900.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., December 14, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the circuit clerk of Jackson county, at Scranton, Miss., on February 7, 1901, viz: Joseph Rogers, homestead entry No. 25,005, for the 1/4 sec. 18, township 14 south, range 7 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Rogers, Thomas Hinton, John Tilley, John Rogers, all of Howell, Miss.

JAMES HILL, Register.

December 21, 1900.

LAND NOTICE.

LAND OFFICE AT JACKSON, MISS., December 10, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following